

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Based on PCT/DE 01/01720

For: METHOD FOR OPERATING A FUEL METERING SYSTEM OF A DIRECT-  
INJECTION INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner For Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

**Page 1**, between the title and paragraph [0001], insert the following:

a1 [0000.2] CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

a2 [0000.4] This application is a 35 U.S.C. 371 application of PCT/DE 01/01720, filed May  
8, 2001.

a3 [0000.6] BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

replace paragraph [0001], with the following amended paragraph:

a4 [0001] Field Of The Invention